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Darren Lum
Staff

Warm weather stunts syrup season

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Area maple syrup producers are reporting a dismal tapping season this year.

Unseasonably warm temperatures in March have had a severe impact on maple trees, creating what many producers say is the worst season they've ever seen.

"If it's not the worst, it's a close second," said Godfrey Tyler, owner of Waverley Brook Farm.

Tyler was referring not just to his own 25 years

producing maple syrup, but to the 91 years his family has been tapping trees on its property near Donald.

According to Tyler, the small, mixed farm he runs with his wife Jean will generate only about 20 per cent of its regular revenue from maple syrup this year, which makes up somewhere between 15 and 25 per cent of the farm's overall income.

Their operation has 500 taps.

"Maple syrup is classed as a luxury item often," he said. "But for those of us that really eat maple syrup, it's a necessity of life."

While Tyler said a normal price for a litre of maple syrup is around \$25, he said he'd have to sell this year's product at between \$80 and \$90 if he wanted to maintain his regular profit margins, which he won't be.

"It's not going to happen," he said, adding there would only be a small increase.

Instead, Tyler will simply take a hit on his maple syrup season, one that starts with an expense of about \$2,000 for setting up and taking down the tapping operation, as well as firewood provision.

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Missing teen returned home safely

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

A Minden Hills teenager who was reported missing during the weekend has been located by police and returned safely to her family.

Thirteen-year-old Gabrielle Raymond was pronounced missing on the afternoon on Friday, March 23. She'd last been seen in area of Conway Road, a few kilometres east of

Kinmount, at about noon.

Police were contacted around 3:30 p.m. with the Haliburton Highlands OPP, the central region emergency response team, the central region canine unit, the central region snowmobile, ATV and vessel enforcement team, an OPP helicopter and members of CFB Trenton conducting a search that lasted through the night.

Raymond was spotted in the bush near Conway Road by helicopter the morning of March 24 and, after being examined by paramedics, was returned to her parents.

Constable Sandy Adams told the paper she couldn't give

any additional information about just what had happened, but did say there was no foul play or charges involved.

Adams confirmed the teenager had gotten lost in the forest.

"She was only about three kilometres from where she went in," she said.

There is no minimum length of time required for a person to be considered missing.

"If somebody's missing, they're missing," Adams said. "The sooner we're notified, the better chance we have of finding them."

Two sent to hospital, cops look for witness following collision

On March 18 at approximately 12:40 p.m., officers of the Haliburton Highlands detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police, were called to a motor vehicle collision on Highway 35, south of the intersection of Main Street in Minden.

Once there, officers learned that a vehicle exiting a local parking lot collided with a vehicle travelling southbound on Highway 35. The drivers of both vehicles were transported to Haliburton Highlands Health Services - Minden Site, with non-life-threatening injuries.

The OPP investigation is continuing and officers are look-

ing to speak to a witness who was in the area at the time of the incident. The witness is described as a female who was driving a red minivan, believed to be a Dodge Caravan.

If you know the identity of this witness, or have any information concerning this collision, you are urged to contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

Concerned citizen calls in erratic driver

On March 17, at approximately 4:30 p.m., a concerned citizen contacted the OPP Communications Centre in Smith's Falls, to advise of an erratic driver on Haliburton County Road 11 in Algonquin Highlands.

Officers of the Haliburton Highlands detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police responded and pulled the vehicle over. Once there, the officers determined that the driver of the vehicle had been consuming alcohol.

A 63-year-old Scarborough resident is charged with impaired driving and operating motor vehicle - over 80 mgs. The accused is to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden on June 6 to deal with these charges.

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Getting another perspective

Another Perspective
By Laurie Cormant
Contributor, Appearances Gallery

The Land Narrative is the new exhibition at the Appearances Gallery. Artist, Elaine Carr (somewhere in the far past thought to be related to Emily Carr) is from Windsor and has created an exhibition about series within our land through the use of aerial maps, aerial photos and topographical maps.

During the Renaissance, artists perfected skills that would allow them to convey accurate representations. The Masters Painters goal was to cause the viewer's eye to believe they were seeing great distance and depth. Trying to give such realism to a flat surface was an illusory trick. This was achieved by understanding angles, working along the premise of perspective. Aerial perspective was one of these methods that was often used.

Since then, many artists have continued to play with the bird's-eye view. The impact of aerial flight suggested further exploration into aerial perspective. He is with photography or other visual art methods, the view from the sky looks itself to a new artist, more directly, often of what we see and think about.



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This week's Weekender:

- The art of Elaine Carr
- The tale of the short story
- Home renovations
- Local events listing
- Cards scores, bowling scores

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Correction

There were more than 1,300, not 13,000, responses to a survey on the Rail Trail. There was also a second survey returned by some 1,550 people.

While there are 139 landowners along the trail, not many took part in the survey and while there was high support for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing on the trail, it was recommended no new uses be added until a new enforcement program is in place.

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Clinic offers free screenings in April

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

At one time, only male smokers over 50 were screened for oral cancer.

However, the disease can find victims, both male and female, as young as 15.

April is cancer awareness month and local dental hygienist Carolyn Kinsman-Ludlow will be offering free oral cancer screenings out of her home clinic on April 20.

Rates of oral cancer rose 225 per cent between 1988 and 2004, particularly among people aged 20 to 24.

This is in part attributed to increased levels of alcohol consumption, smoking and oral sexual activity among young people.

Oral sex, as well as French kissing, can spread the HPV, a virus directly attributable to oral and cervical cancer.

Kinsman-Ludlow, a decades-long dental hygienist, tells me all this as I stand in her clinic, located in her wooden house overlooking Twelve Mile Lake.

In order to give readers a thorough understanding of what the screening process is like, I'm going to undergo it myself.

The first step is easy. Kinsman-Ludlow asks me if I'd like a cappuccino or another beverage.

Next I fill out a medical survey, asking if I suffer from any manner of cardiovascular diseases, blood disorders and other health conditions.

To my knowledge, I have none of them.

There can be other contributing factors, however, such as alcohol and tobacco use, stress and teeth grinding.

Uh oh.

My fondness for beer and cigarettes earns me a couple of strikes, my profession lends itself to considerable stress levels and I'm a habitual teeth-grinder.

Survey completed, I make my way to the examination chair, an ergonomically designed leather recliner that

resembles something one might find in an IKEA store more than a dentist's office.

With its view over the lake, a glass of wine and a book could facilitate a pretty pleasant afternoon here.

The place is more spa than dental clinic.

Did I mention there is relaxing music playing?

Now comes the physical examination. I'm slightly apprehensive given I enjoy a trip to a dental office as much as the next person, or about as much as a punch in the face.

"It really just feels like a touchy-feely-type procedure," Kinsman-Ludlow reassures me.

And it turns out she's telling the truth.

The whole thing is far from invasive. No pointy metal objects poking at gums or anything of the sort.

The first part of the process is exterior, beginning with an examination of facial skin.

Any changes in the size of moles or other growths or red patches that don't heal could be bad news.

Despite the fact a good portion of my face is covered in hair, I do well.

"Your skin actually looks quite good to me," Kinsman-Ludlow says.

I always knew my true calling was to be a Noxzema model.

Next is an inspection of glands around my jaw, neck and the back of my head. It feels like a massage, more pleasurable than painful, really.

Again, I seem free of any abnormalities.

The examination then moves inside the mouth. But again, there are no sharp metal instruments.

A gloved finger inspects my tongue and the floor of my mouth and I have to swallow, move my tongue from side to side and say "awww" as my tongue is depressed, just like I did as a child with my family doctor.

Checking our mouths and tongues for abnormalities is something we can do on our own at home, Kinsman-Ludlow tells me.

Next comes an inspection with an instrument called a velscope. It looks like a cross between a cop's radar gun and



Chad Ingram Staff

Dental hygienist Carolyn Kinsman-Ludlow will be offering free oral cancer screenings at her home clinic on Twelve Mile Lake on April 20.

a hairdryer.

Kinsman-Ludlow informs me it uses a fluorescent light to allow her to see skin layers she can't with a naked eye, but assures me there is no radiation.

She outfits me with a pair of plastic orange glasses and there is slight blowing heat from the machine as she points it into my mouth.

It reveals that I bite my cheeks while I sleep, but nothing malignant.

"I would say from what I can see and feel, you're OK," Kinsman-Ludlow tells me, but reinforces we can all check our mouths for irregularities on a regular basis.

She says we should all have oral cancer screenings once a year.

The whole process has taken about 10 minutes and was far less intrusive than I had feared it might be.

Kinsman-Ludlow will be performing free screenings all day on April 20.

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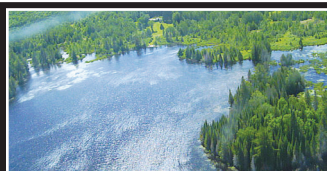
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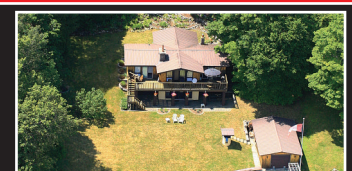
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Gordie Tentrees returns to Highlands

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

For Gordie Tentrees the Highlands will always be home. A singer, songwriter currently living in Whitehorse, Tentrees was raised in the Cardiff area until graduating from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

Tentrees, 37, will be returning to his roots and what he calls his hometown for a concert on April 7 at the Wild Moose.

Musician Sarah MacDougall will join Tentrees on stage for what promises to be an evening of mesmerizing melodies and feisty lyrics.

Born in Hamilton, Tentrees spent close to 20 years in the Highlands, before eventually moving to Toronto.

"I loved growing up in that area, there's so many great people there," he said, adding he visits the area, where many of his friends and family still live, often.

The folk musician has spent the last 13 years in the Yukon, working on his craft, which came to him later in life.

"I started playing music when I moved to the Yukon ... I just wanted to write songs and play music ... It was sort of an organic thing, there was no plan behind it at all," he



said.

When performing, Tentrees can often be seen with an acoustic guitar in hand and a harmonica near his lips, amongst other instruments.

Having never taken a music lesson as a kid and thinking he would grow up to be a teacher, Tentrees now sees a different path for his life.

"I'm pretty sure I'm going to be doing it [music] until I'm dead, actually I'm certain of it now," he said.

Venturing back to Haliburton County as often as he can, Tentrees is excited this time to bring with him a new album, titled *Naked in Scandinavia*, as well as new material from his yet to be released fifth album, titled *North Country Heart*.

"It's been a long time since I've played a show there, I'm really looking forward to it."

Recorded in Helsinki, *Naked in Scandinavia* is a live, solo album featuring edgy, heart-warming songs.

"It's kind of like what you would hear and see if you saw me live in a concert," said Tentrees.

Tentrees has toured all over the world with names like Fred Eaglesmith, Rick Fines and MacDougall.

Tentrees and MacDougall will each be playing their own sets during the show, coming together to perform a few duets as well.

"I'm really hoping to let it all hang out and have fun," he said.

Touring with Tentrees is always a fun time, said MacDougall, 32, who was born and raised in Sweden.

"He's the life of the party ... he's had people on tour get pneumonia before," she said.

Immigrating to Canada at the age of 20, MacDougall now calls Whitehorse home. Playing music since the age of 11, MacDougall has been touring since 2008, after following a natural path to the industry.

With hundreds of recorded demos under her belt, the singer/songwriter studied music in university and worked as an audio engineer for a while.

"I got all the skills together to record my own album and it went from there," she said.

Her most recent album, *The Greatest Ones Alive*, was released in August 2011.



Sarah MacDougall, above left, and Gordie Tentrees, above, will be performing their brand of folk music at the Wild Moose on April 7. Born in Hamilton, Tentrees spent nearly 20 years in the Highlands. /Photos submitted

Since then the musician has been working on new material, but has been filling her days touring on the road.

Last summer MacDougall visited the Highlands when she performed a house concert at a farm called Magnificent Hill.

A folk artist by description, the musician has delved into other genres, such as rock and pop.

After meeting Tentrees at a music festival in British Columbia, MacDougall was drawn to the Yukon by the fellow musician.

The upcoming show will kick-off MacDougall and Tentrees' third tour together, aptly named *Songs from the Yukon*.

The tour will provide MacDougall with a welcomed change of scenery.

"I always look forward to playing music every day and seeing new sights," she said.

Tickets for the show are \$10 and can be purchased at the Wild Moose, or reserved by calling the restaurant at 705-457-4800.

The concert is scheduled for April 7 at 7:30 p.m.

The Wild Moose is located at 1701 Wigamog Road, in Haliburton.

For more information on the artists visit www.sarahmacdougall.com or www.tentrees.ca.

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March breaks weather records in county and across country

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

County residents put on their shorts, pulled out their bicycles and headed out for ice cream last week as temperatures reached freakishly high levels.

Records were smashed locally and throughout the country, with mid-week temperatures in Haliburton County reaching the mid-20s.

Dave Phillips, senior climatologist for Environment Canada, took some time to talk about the weather with the paper.

"This would be as weird as it snowing in Minden in July," Phillips said, adding it's like nothing he's seen in a career spanning more than 40 years. "This is unbelievable. Even when it cools off to normal, it will feel like a cold front."

Average temperatures for the area for the third week of March are between 6 and -7 C.

On Tuesday, March 20, the mercury in Haliburton County hit 24 C.

"That would be the kind of average temperature for July 5," Phillips said.

The next day, the weather station in Bancroft recorded a high of 27 C - 21 degrees higher than the seasonal norm for a daytime temperature.

To put that in perspective, Phillips said previously, the warmest temperature on record for March 21 was 14 degrees, set in 1979.

Environment Canada's records date back

to the 19th century.

The turning point came on March 11.

On March 10, there was snow in the area and temperatures hovered around -20 C.

The next day the temperature peaked at 13.

The reason for the upswing was a stream of warm air from the south.

While a day or two of such temperatures are not necessarily out of the ordinary for March, they lasted all week.

"These were warm temperatures, some were records and some were very close to records," Phillips said.

The warm weather melted the snow.

"[Southern air] typically is chilled by the appearance of winter in Canada," Phillips continued. "First dibs on that warm air is used to abstract the heat for melting the ground and melting the snow and thawing out the ice."

With the area's snow melted, there was nothing to temper or moderate a continued stream of warmth from the south last week, resulting in summertime temperatures.

Phillips was asked if last week's temperatures were an empirical indicator that human activity is affecting the climate.

"It's a good question," he responded. "I think what we can say is what we're seeing is consistent with what we will see in the future. I sometimes use the analogy of a movie trailer. This is like the weather trailer. This is giving us a little sneak preview of what we will see in the future."

That doesn't mean next spring will be as

warm, he said. It might be 25 years before there is another heat wave like the one last week.

However, overall, the expert said trends are pointing to shorter, milder Canadian winters.



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Robocall an inquiry

LAST WEEK, defeated federal Liberal candidate Laura Redman resurfaced, criticizing the Conservative party over the ongoing robocall scandal.

Readers may recall that during the election campaign last spring, Redman said a number of voters in the riding had received calls misinforming them about where she stood on agricultural policy and, in one case, a harassing call from someone pretending to be Redman herself.

MP Barry Devolin has said his campaign team wasn't behind the calls and, given his astonishing victory margin last May, it seems unlikely the mysterious calls had a huge impact on the election's outcome in this riding.

The same, however, can't be said for other ridings in the country, in particular Guelph, where voters received misleading robocalls, some directing them to phony poll locations.

And whether the calls achieved their desired effect is not really the point.

What happened here was illegal and Canadians should be pissed off.

Someone, or possibly many someones, willingly tried to subvert the democratic process by sending citizens to non-existent voting stations.

Not just residents of the most-affected ridings, but all of us, should be reeling in disgust at this heinous

violation of a process that is the very foundation of this country.

There has of course been much finger-pointing in the House of Commons and the matter certainly can't be left to partisan parliamentarians to figure out.

And while Elections Canada is investigating, it doesn't allow much public light on its process.

What Canadians deserve is a full public inquiry into the robocall scandal and they should be demanding such from their MPs.

Dust off Justice John Gomery.

Sure, such a process will cost a lot of money,

but not nearly as much as the unnecessarily expensive fighter jets the government is planning to buy or the unnecessary jails it's planning to build (Canada's crime rate is lower than it's been in decades).

Surely, given these outrageous wastes of money in a supposed time of austerity, a few dollars to bring those who would demoralize democracy in this country to justice is a worthwhile expenditure.

And they should be brought to bear the full weight of the law.

Under the Elections Canada Act, misleading voters can earn someone up to five years in prison and that's exactly where the architects of the robocall controversy deserve to go.



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letters to the editor

Welcome, superwoman

To the Editor,

Congratulations to the Minden Hills council (alias: Vision Team) for hiring, with the aid of the \$21,000 headhunter, a new clerk/economic development officer who comes well qualified for the clerk job, but with no experience as the EDO who was one of the prerequisites in the posting.

A qualified local candidate was refused the job due to lack of economic development experience. It appears that the Vision Team will not hire locally for these positions. This could have saved the \$21,000 headhunter fee.

However, according to the reeve the new lady will learn on the job! Now the Vision Team sees fit to add the job of CAO to her other two jobs when that position becomes available with the retirement of the present CAO at the end of this year. I never saw a posting for this position, which I understood was the proper procedure of the township policy. There was an ad in the local paper for the clerk/EDO position.

see NEW POSITION page 8

Clearing air on quarry request

To the Editor,

Re: Reducing hours delays productivity

In his March 21 letter to the editor, Tom Prentice expressed concern over the ripple effect of reducing hours of operation of pits and quarries on related construction activities.

I couldn't agree more. There are 42 pits and quarries in Minden Hills. The original request was for a reduction for those operations in residential areas only. It specifically asked for an exemption for pits and quarries in areas where noise is not an issue.

Noise is an issue in residential areas. Pits and quarries that set up in residential areas should expect to make some accommodation for their neighbours. That is the issue before council. No one wants to restrict operations unduly or without good cause.

Peter Hynard
Minden

points of view

The smell of early spring

A LOT OF US talk about the effects of global warming and all the horrible spin-offs that will occur because of it.

But no one ever mentions the greatest threat caused by it right here in central Ontario.

I am, of course, referring to an increase in leek breath.

Here's why it's a problem.

Imagine that you are a tourist visiting for the very first time.

Not knowing the area well, you rely strictly on the directions provided by the GPS app on your not-so-smart-phone.

This soon leads you down a muddy cottage road and to a boat landing that's filled with ice huts.

Your GPS, with its built in sense of humour, then insists that you need to get to the other side of the lake. The lack of ice, bridges or ferries make this a

challenge, however.

Suddenly, because you are not male, you flag down the person walking towards you.

"How do I get to so and so?" you ask.

"Well, you turn around, go that way"

And then it happens. Suddenly, and without any warning, you find yourself immersed in a warm, toxic cloud of leek breath. And it's fresh, too.

After all, what true local can resist biting into the first wild leek of the season?

The tourist drives off with windows wide open hoping to shake it off.

But a few miles down the road, she stops to ask again – only to be doused by leek breath for a second time.

From a tourism perspective, this type

of incident is a minor disaster – the type that would actually send a person back to the Golden Horseshoe – even if they're originally from Quebec.

If this happens enough, our tourist-based economy would collapse.

This is a shame because, between you and me, I think that the wild leeks of spring are our most underutilized resource. So why not turn it into a positive?

Let's make tourists understand that bad breath derived from our wild leeks is a small price to pay for

their delicious taste in soups and other recipes.

What we need to do is to celebrate these wonderful wild edibles. After all, they are just about everywhere.

It's time to be proud of them and let



Steve Galea
Beyond 35

the rest of the world know that they are here in good numbers.

How do we start?

First, I think we could all make an effort at being ambassadors.

It's as easy as encouraging any tourist you encounter to enjoy a leek with you right by the side of the road.

Point to the best places and tell them there's no need to be shy because this is something that we locals love to see.

Sure, warn them about the strong aroma, but also tell them that they'll soon learn to appreciate it, especially with asparagus. And lastly, offer to take photos of them enjoying a good leek among the trilliums.

It's not much, but if we all do this, I bet tourists won't stop talking about this place.

TheOutdoorLife@aol.com

Ain't no climate change here

A FARM BOY in bib overalls, cane fishing pole canted over one shoulder, bait pail in the other hand, hound at his heels, ambles down a country road on a Kentucky morning.

It is a scene as evocative as a Rockwell illustration, faded now in memory into tones of sepia by the passage of half a lifetime, this picture of spring.

Through the snows of central Ohio I drive in that third week of a long-ago March. Winter fades as I drive south. Over a bridge and across the Ohio River, across the Mason-Dixon Line, and then I take a two-lane detour for a look at Kentucky.

Nothing could have been more surprising than the idyll of spring I found or so I thought until last week, when July barged into a Haliburton March and tossed winter in the trash can.

It is as though Nature ripped the cover off a painting of early May, as though she grabbed the 39th parallel and yanked it north from Dayton, Ohio, to Sapsucker Ridge.

Things have cooled a little by now but nothing could be more astounding than that T-shirt weather on the first official day of a Haliburton spring.

The Brown Dog Jiggs makes the best of it, stretches out like a throw rug on

the dusty trail past the sugar shack, bakes himself into staggering oblivion in the dazzling sun.

Temperature records are set, but then records will always be broken, sooner or later, and extremes are included in the averages that pass for normal in our weather perceptions. The numbers are the least of it.

Dead leaves that should be soggy crackle under our footsteps on the high ground. Maple hillsides are glazed with green. Soft maples are in full flower. The road by Sapsucker Ridge is firm enough for a city sedan, a month ahead of itself.

It is as though Nature, bored with its slow march through the seasons, grabbed the globe and gave it a quick spin for her own amusement.

In the woods, mosquitoes grow affectionate at dusk. There are ladybugs and wood roaches, ticks and house flies in the sap buckets, but not much sap, the seasons all bunched together.

One day two mallards walk the ice on Goose Pond and the next day all of the ice is gone, as quick as that. Jiggs arises from his slumbers to bark at five large

Canada geese, using the pond for a rest stop on their northern pilgrimage.

Jiggs barks indignation. The geese bark defiance. For hours. Afternoon darkens into evening. Up on the ridge, a barred owl asks the geese. "Who barks at you? Who barks at you all?"

Butterflies flit. Leeks that should only be poking their tips through the leaf duff on the first day of spring are four-inch spears of green. In Haliburton's deep south, down by Moore Lake, the crocuses bloom. Tame daffodils climb out of bed in my cabin clearing and wild

blossoms of yellow coltsfoots open in a woods road.

Nature might crisp some of this loveliness in these few more seasonal days. In town, long sleeves are back in fashion and folks complain, as they did in January, about overnight chills that should be normal at this time of year.

This early spring is more than an abstraction for the creatures that live around us. Records kept for 60 years at Algonquin Park are being shattered by early arrivals and emergences.

We keep no formal records of such

things on Sapsucker Ridge, just memories, but Algonquin's spring peepers peep earlier than ever before and they trill well ahead of schedule on Goose Pond, too.

Garter snakes are out and about in Algonquin and so are snapping turtles, both making record-early appearances.

An Algonquin ruffed grouse drums on a record-early date. Turkey vultures, blue-winged teals, ring-necked ducks, buffleheads, great blue herons, northern harriers, sandhill cranes, belted kingfishers, phoebes, winter wrens, fox sparrows, eastern meadowlarks, all set records.

All very lovely, unless you happen to be a maple syrup producer, as Chad Ingram reports elsewhere in this week's paper. The worst season in very long memories is over, just as it should be beginning.

And climate change lives only as an evil fantasy in the twisted minds of a cabal of left-wing zealots. That's irony, or maybe only sarcasm, in case you didn't recognize it.

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Neil Campbell
Back of Beyond

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letters

New position disrespects roles

from page 6

Not only will the new lady hold the three full time positions of clerk/EDO/CAO by next year, she will need time off from her Minden Hills responsibilities to serve as president of the Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario. Then, if she relocates to the municipality, she will need time to move! In the meantime she will have a two hour drive from her Peterborough home every day. Whew! I'm tired just writing about it! What a Superwoman!

The assigning of the position of CAO to the clerk's position shows a disrespect to the responsibilities of both job descriptions. The previous, excellent clerk left due to the excessive work load demanded of her, resulting in many ten hour work days. Our chief administrative officer is responsible for the administrative management of our local government, manages daily operations, and reports directly to all members of the council, definitely a full time position! I am glad this new lady is well qualified in municipal work, but really, three full time positions for one person! Not doable, even for Superwoman!

Lois Rigney
Lochlin

Save our theatres

To the Editor,

One of Kinmount's treasures may soon be *Gone with the Wind*. In the near future, Highlands Cinemas opens its doors for its 33rd (and possibly final) season. Threat of closure looms from film companies' plans to cease production in 35mm format at the end of summer 2012, thus producing movies in digital format only. The cost to convert is phenomenal. Is it a viable venture for owner, Keith Stata, who shares this digital dilemma with all independent theatre owners? Keith will declare *The Verdict* following results of his 2012 season.

Highlands Cinemas is not "just a typical" movie theatre. It is also home to an astounding movie museum. Each year from May to October (in a town with a population of around 300) Highlands Cinemas plays first run movies and boasts annual attendance in excess of 55,000. Now *That's Entertainment!*

If you've been to Highlands Cinemas you've experienced the *Legend* of this unlikely building tucked away in the forest. You've been *Witness* to *The Incredible Hulk* of movie memorabilia wrapped in a *Labyrinth* leading to five themed theatres. Never been to Highlands Cinemas? You may want to *Seize the Day* sometime this season. Treat yourself to a *Fantastic Voyage* with a night at the movies, a *Night at the Museum* and most definitely *A Night to Remember*.

Will the *Network of Big Business* triumph with monopoly? Will Kinmount see *The Last Picture Show*? Without a *Shadow of a Doubt*, Kinmount cannot afford *The Sting* of such a loss. Though the present situation is *Rocky*, if the season goes well this *Lone Star* may not become *The Departed*. You can *Help* by attending Highlands Cinemas to support this one of a kind creation that put Kinmount *Somewhere Over the Rainbow* with *A Touch of Class* and *Fame*.

Whatever the outcome, since *Diamonds Are Forever*, Highlands Cinemas will certainly *Shine* in *Glory in Hearts and Minds*, *From Here to Eternity*. Fingers crossed - wishing and hoping to *Ever After* "See you at the movies!"

Lynne Kilby,
Kinmount

Redman cries foul over robocall scandal

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

With the scope of the federal robocall scandal growing ever wider, former Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock Liberal candidate Laura Redman reemerged from the political woodwork last week, criticizing the Conservatives, whom she blames for interfering with the democratic process.

Redman's criticism came in response to a story that ran in the paper earlier this month, in which MP Barry Devolin reiterated Prime Minister Stephen Harper's statement that the Conservative party had nothing to do with mysterious, misleading calls to voters last spring, calls that sent some people, particularly in Guelph, to non-existent voting stations.

During last spring's election campaign, a number of constituents in this riding received phone calls delivering what Redman said was misleading information about Liberal agricultural policy and saying Redman supported only organic and not traditional farming.

In some cases, Redman, who noted Devolin had used a call centre during the campaign, said callers posed as members of her campaign team and, in at least one instance, as her.

"We never did get an answer about where these calls had come from," Redman said last week. "I would love to get an answer about where these calls came from."

As he had last spring, Devolin told the paper he was in no way connected to the calls.

"My campaign had nothing to do with that," he said, adding that there had also been significant sign tampering during the campaign, something he and other candidates were victims of.

Redman, who noted she was not speaking on behalf of the Liberals or their local riding association, said the calls weren't the only bit of "nasty stuff" that went on during the election, pointing to a sign that she said seen at the voting station in Minden.

"It looked like it was a kind of very official-looking sign, a how-to-vote type of thing," she explained.

The sign apparently showed an X marked beside Devolin's name. "It only benefited him so I don't think the NDP or Green party would have been responsible."

Redman said the sign had been removed quickly when spotted by her team and that a complaint had been lodged with Elections Canada.

"This is the first time I've heard about this," Devolin said when told about the alleged scenario. The MP believed that what had probably been seen at the station was the "get out the vote" literature he sent to his identified supporters.

"What it sounds like to me is that it would have our 'vote at' cards that we send out that possibly someone left behind," he said.

Devolin said maybe Elections Canada needs to change the rules to disallow voters from bringing such publications into polling stations, much the way political buttons are not permitted.

Redman is confident the country's governing party is responsible for the robocall scandal, about which Elections Canada has received hundreds of complaints.

"If the Conservative party has nothing to hide, why did they not immediately call an inquiry?" Redman asked.

Devolin reiterated he believes neither his party nor the Prime Minister's Office had anything to do with the scandal, noting that Harper and campaign chair Guy Giorno had denied any Conservative involvement.

"I believe them for two reasons," he told the paper. "I know both of them quite well and this is not their style and

if they say that, I have no reason not to believe them."

Second, Devolin said, "trying to do what people are suggesting was done is very inefficient . . . it would be a dumb strategy. And you'll almost certainly get caught. It's just not a very smart tactic."

The MP believes Elections Canada, which is conducting an investigation into what happened in Guelph, will get to the bottom of it.

"I think Elections Canada has the resources and the responsibility to do this," he said. "I am confident that at the end of the day, whoever did this will be found out. All this stuff leaves electronic footprints."

Devolin said there should be serious repercussions for



I think the penalty needs to be serious in terms of sending a message . . .

— MP Barry Devolin

whoever is responsible.

"I think the penalty needs to be serious in terms of sending a message to others that this is not minor mischief," he said. "I think people need to be reminded this is very, very serious business."

Under the Elections Canada Act, intentionally misleading voters can bring a maximum prison sentence of five years.

Devolin noted MPs are trying to deal with the robocall issue, with a motion passing unanimously in the House of Commons a couple of weeks ago that from now on, call centre companies will have to report to Elections Canada any contracts they may have.

Redman also criticized the Conservatives for a television attack ad that aired last week against interim Liberal leader Bob Rae.

The ad attacks Rae's record as the 1990s NDP Ontario premier, labels him a failure and suggests that he couldn't run a province and isn't fit to run the country.

"They're doing a smear campaign against Bob Rae," she said, highlighting that Rae is the interim leader of the third-place party and calling the tactic dirty. "We've got children living in poverty across this country and we're doing a smear campaign on Bob Rae."

In response, Devolin pointed out that Rae had announced in the House he was more than willing to debate his record and said he thought the ad was really about trying to establish whether Rae has quietly become the leader of the Liberal party.

"It appears that in Liberal party literature . . . and there were billboards in Toronto and elsewhere . . . that the word 'interim' has been removed from his title," he said. "Subtly he stopped being the interim leader and became the leader. So our guys are trying to smoke him out."

Devolin was asked why the Conservatives would launch an attack campaign when the next federal election is three years away and if he thought such tactics should be part of federal political discourse.

"Bob Rae's very articulate, he's very skilled in the House," he responded. "Do I wish [attack ads] weren't there? Yeah, but it's like fighting in hockey. Taking the good players into the boards early in the game, early in the series, so they get tired or kind of think twice about going into the corner."

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NOTICE

Please be advised that Council, at their regular meeting on March 29th, 2012, will be considering an amendment to each of the following By-laws:

- a) Schedule "B" of By-law No. 03-16, being a by-law to authorize the creation and designation of parking spaces on highways and/or on municipal property for the exclusive use of vehicles which are displaying a disabled person parking permit in accordance with the requirements of the Highway Traffic Act, by adding two (2) additional parking spaces in front of the County of Haliburton Administration Building, 11 Newcastle Street, in the Town of Minden.
- b) By-law 11-21, being a by-law to impose a fee for Sewage Service in the area known as the Village of Minden
- c) By-law 11-22, being a by-law to impose a fee for Water Service in the area known as the Village of Minden
- d) By-law No. 11-23 Water Fee (Lutterworth) no change in fee
- e) Cemetery Budget 2012

Laura Cunliffe,
Interim Clerk

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

March 29th	Council Meeting (10:00 am public session)
March 29th	Public Meetings (10:00 am approx) – various by-laws
March 31st	8:30 pm Earth Hour
April 4 – April 18th	7-9 pm Minden Youth Softball Registration, Community Centre
April 12th	COTW/General Committee Meeting – Council Chambers (10:00 am public session)
April 26th	Council Meeting (10:00 am public session)



Agnes Jamieson Gallery The Land Narrative Exhibition

Artist Elaine Carr's work is influenced by land and place. This is evident in her current work that views land and water from an internal and external perspective. The landscape is viewed from different simultaneously existing perspectives, incorporating topographical scape and aerial landscape with pen and ink, Japanese paper, plaster and wood.

The Land Narrative runs
from March 1, 2012 to April 28, 2012.

**The gallery is open Tuesday to Saturday 10am – 5pm.
The Minden Hills Cultural Centre is now accepting
applications for summer student positions. More
information can be found by following the Employment
Opportunities link on our web site. Resumes can be
dropped off at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery or emailed to
Laurie Carmount at gallery@mindenhills.ca**

**For more information please go to
www.mindenculturalcenter.com
or call 705-286-2808**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Township of Minden Hills is requesting proposals from qualified Water Well Drillers to drill a Water Well at the Lochlin Community Centre. Tenders will be in a SEALED envelope clearly marked "Tenders for Water Well Drilling at the Lochlin Community Centre" no later than

April 12, 2012 at noon.
Township of Minden Hills

Attention: Chris Voth, Environmental and Property Operations Manager
PO Box 359
7 Milne Street, Minden, ON
KOM 2K0

Full details are included on our website www.mindenhills.ca (notices) or can be obtained by calling Chris Voth, Environmental and Property Operations Manager at 705-286-1260, Ex. 216. (cvoth@mindenhills.ca)
Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

NOTICE TO LIVESTOCK OWNERS

There has been a recent change to the Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program (previously the Livestock Damage Program) in regards to a claim's eligibility for compensation. As of April 1st, 2012, owners must provide a Premises ID Number and a valid Farm Business Registration Number when making a compensation claim for any livestock or poultry. Please have these numbers available to the Clerk at the Township of Minden Hills Administration Office when making your claim. If you wish to obtain these numbers, please visit www.ontrace.ca. You will need to have both these numbers for a successful application.

FIRE RESTRICTIONS

From April 1st to October 31st in any year is "Fire Season". During Fire Season, **no person shall start a fire outdoors** for the purpose of burning piled wood, brush, leaves or discarded wood products **unless:**

- a.) The fire is started two (2) hours before sunset, or later, and is extinguished two (2) hours after sunrise, and
- b.) A responsible person is available to tend the fire until it is extinguished, and
- c.) The material burned is in a single pile that is less than two (2) metres in diameter and less than two (2) metres high, and
- d.) The fire is at least two (2) metres from any flammable materials, and
- e.) The person tending the fire has adequate tools and or water available to contain the fire.

Any persons setting an outdoor fire shall be responsible for any damage to property or injury to persons, and be liable for all costs incurred by the Fire Department.

If you require further information on these regulations, Fire Chief, Doug Schell, may be contacted at the Fire Hall at 286-1202 for clarification.

A **total ban against outdoor burning** may be declared when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances warrant it. Such a ban will be posted at the Tourist Information Centre, located on Highway 35 in Minden, and at area businesses. It is **YOUR** responsibility to be aware of fire bans.

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CONSTRUCTION RE PUBLIC RESTROOMS

Please be advised that the public restrooms located adjacent to the Minden Hills Fire Department will be under construction starting the first week of April. Portable toilets will be available for use during this time. We apologize for any inconvenience caused as a result of the construction. If you require further information, please call the Environmental & Property Operations Manager **705-286-1260 Ext 216.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

REGARDING YOUR INTERIM TAX BILL

The Township has received an unusually large number of returned interim tax notices due to incorrect mailing addresses. Tax notices were mailed on February 24, 2012, with installment due dates of March 23 and May 18, 2012. If you have not received your notice in time to meet the first installment deadline, please contact the Township Office at 705-286-1260.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Township of Minden Hills is requesting proposals from qualified Haulers of Household Hazardous Waste Products from the Scotch Line Landfill. Tenders will be in a SEALED envelope clearly marked "Tenders for Household Hazardous Waste Haulers" no later than 12 noon, April 6, 2012.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Township of Minden Hills is requesting proposals from qualified providers and installers of Coin Operated Water Dispensers. Tenders will be in a SEALED envelope clearly marked "Tender for Procurement and Installation of a Coin Operated Water Dispenser" no later than 12 noon, April 5th, 2012.

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2012 Summer Student Employment

The Township of Minden Hills is hiring summer students for our Community Services Department. Candidates must be planning to return to school in September and should have experience in grounds maintenance work and/or leading recreation programs. Candidates must be available to start the first week of May, 2012 and have a G2 or G level Driver's License. Wage is \$10.25 per hour. The normal work schedule will include Saturday and Sunday shifts. A driver's abstract and a criminal reference check must be supplied during the interview process. Successful candidates must supply and wear Green patch footwear.

Please state in your application when you would be able to start work. Letters of application with a résumé should be dropped off at the Township office, sent by email to rcox@mindenhills.ca or mailed to:
**CSD Summer Student Employment
Township of Minden Hills
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33	Tom Marshall	1097.25	103	Tyler Martin	994.25
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55	Paul Cameron	1062.25	125	Jamie Little	959.25
56	Lisa Barry	1059.25	126	Jacob Bishop	953.5
57	Gord Higgins	1058.25	127	Emile Duchene	950.25
58	Brian W Mulholland	1058.25	128	Daniel Rivard	943.5
59	Pat Marshall	1056.5	129	Don Chapman	943.25
60	Pat Barry	1055.5	130	Erin Little	942.25
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62	Gerald Sharp	1054.25	132	Bryan Rivard	922.5
63	Krystal Sharp	1053.25	133	Glen Jewett	915.25
64	Ray Lymer	1051.25	134	Tim Prestwich	898.5
65	Don Critchley	1048.5	135	Steve St Cyr	888.5
66	Larry Holden	1048.25	136	Tom Howat	875.25
67	Bill Argue	1046.25	137	Lisa Malott	866.25
68	Jim Winn	1045.25	138	Joanne Hanna	831.25
69	Ethan Carl	1044.25	139	David Bell	822.5
70	Lyle Donaldson	1044.25	140	Ann McIvor	790.25

Government funds youth training

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Young people in Haliburton County struggling to find their way into the job market may have some help thanks to government funding announced last week.

Northern Lights Canada, an organization aimed at improving people's lives with employment and with a presence in the county, is receiving nearly \$100,000 from the federal government through its Skills Link program, part of Canada's Youth Employment Strategy.

"This is geared not exclusively but largely at younger people who need some special assistance to get into the job market," MP Barry Devolin told the paper, adding the

program is aimed at people who may, for whatever reason, have difficulty functioning in typical learning environments.

The City of Kawartha Lakes also received funding through the program and Devolin used the example of a young man in Lindsay with a severe hearing problem who dropped out of high school since his condition made school an unpleasant and unsuccessful experience for him.

The young man is now an apprentice in a kitchen in one of Lindsay's nursing homes thanks to the program.

Participants will hone their communication, teamwork and leadership skills through a series of workshops.

Interested applicants should apply through Northern Lights Canada. The local number is 705-286-4642.

There is also employment help available at Youth.gc.ca.

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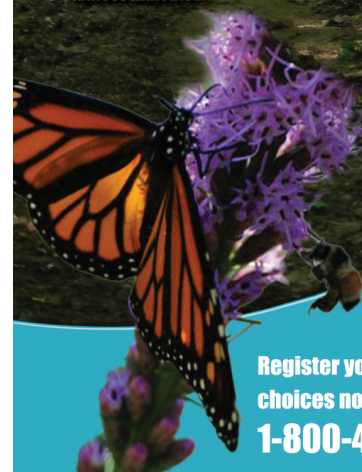
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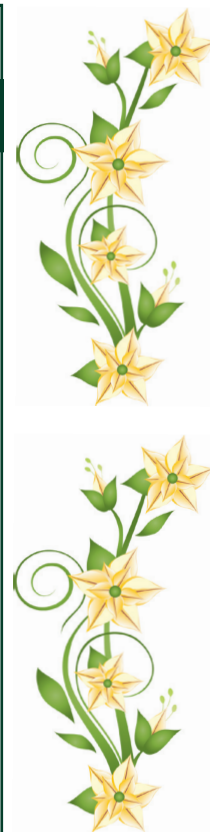
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Producer argues for tax break following dismal season

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"You've already fronted all those costs," Tyler said, adding he questions whether society can truly appreciate the struggles of a resource-based, agricultural existence that relies so heavily on the weather and tapping and forestry management practices that have been honed over time.

Tyler suggested that the dismal season should mean a tax break from the county for commercial producers that have been affected.

Peter Hynard is a forester and recreational syrup producer who taps a few trees around his home for family use.

While stressing he was not an expert in the field, Hynard explained to the paper how the unseasonably warm temperatures during the past couple of weeks have impacted syrup production this spring.

Trees store food as carbohydrates to foster their growth once spring arrives.

"In the case of sugar maples, these carbohydrates are stored as sugars," Hynard said. "The maple stores its food that way, but it doesn't use it that way. Just before growth begins, those starches are converted to other forms of carbohydrates for the tree."

Sap flow is prompted by a combination of cold nights and warm days, which makes spring the ideal tapping season.

"It has to be below freezing at night and above freezing during the day," Hynard said.

Because of a long stretch of nights that didn't dip below the freezing mark, sap flow was interrupted and in some trees the sap has already begun to deteriorate.

Hynard has been tapping trees for 35 years.

"I've seen a lot of variation over those years, but I have to admit, this is a record low for me," he said, adding his yield was at about 40 per cent of normal.

Ron Reid, another local producer with 1,000 taps and 20

years' experience, told the paper 2012 is the worst season he's had in that time, with a yield about 20 per cent of normal.

Sap producers in this region are not alone.

A March 12 report from the Ontario Ministry of Farming

and Rural Affairs said that, "most producers in early southwestern regions ended their season with 40 to 80 per cent of an average crop reported."

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Beware the mighty mite

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Sugar maple trees have more than caterpillars to worry about, an expert said at the U-Links annual Celebration of Research.

The U-Links Centre for Community Based Education connects the university and the community, combining their resources in its Community-Based Education Program in Haliburton County, which is supported by the Ontario Trillium Foundation, the Township of Minden Hills and Trent University. This celebration event recognizes the research that is the result of the relationship between the university and the community.

Keynote presenter for the event, Dr. Sean Thomas, Canada Research Chair, Forests and Environmental Change Faculty of Forestry at the University of Toronto spoke to more than 50 people on Beyond the Pancake: The surprisingly strange ecology of sugar maple forest canopies.

He expanded upon the common knowledge about the sugar maple trees from his work, including his involvement with research conducted over the period of several years at the Haliburton Forest, which examined the canopies of the forest from above using the combination of a meteorological tower and cherry picking lift truck.

The research revealed what and how many leaves were lost.

Thomas said the single species that has the greatest effect on the sugar maple leaves is

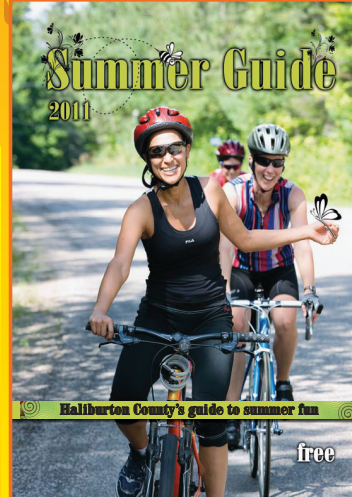
the spindle gall mites, which account for 3.7 per cent of the trees loss versus 7.7 per cent caused by all free feeding insects such as caterpillars and 11.5 per cent of average normal leaf loss. The galls that are visible to the naked eye are actually "apartments" for the mites, which can house between 50 and as many as 400 mites. This presence can adversely diminish the leaf's photosynthesis rate, he said. There is a direct correlation, he adds, between tree growth rate and the number of mites. In a square kilometre of forest there are 75 billion mites, including the leaf-cleaning mites that number grows to 100 billion mites.

He warned the public against using pesticides to control the mites, as they are resistant and this will also disrupt the natural balance, hurting one of the predators of the mites, the *Tarsonema aceribilis*.

In regards to crown thinning, previous research at Haliburton Forest established a system of leaf loss measurement in the canopy to understand the effect on light levels.

He said managed stands of trees that use the practice of removing the larger trees create the undesired effect of actually allowing less sunlight. What happens are more young trees grow in the spaces when compared to old growth forests, which have more sunlight even though it retains its large trees. This has caused a decline in "mid-tolerant species" such trees like yellow birch, red oak and white pine that are a valuable commodity as much as they are ecologically desirable. Thomas said the answer is to gain better understanding of the natural dynamics of a forest for better management.

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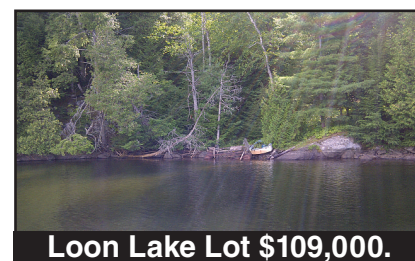
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Sitting is a part of life. We sit when we travel on planes and buses, while we watch tv, when we sit at someone's bedside or in a waiting room. We sit when we work at our computers. Some people sit all day in a wheelchair. Yoga has grown in popularity in the past decade and many teachers have been creatively designing programs to reach different populations and take the benefits of a yoga practice to them. Yoga can help everyone to release tension from their spine, increase muscle tone and flexibility, let go of tightness in the lower back, lengthen hamstrings, strengthen muscles and leave you feeling happy and relaxed. And all of this can be done while seated in a chair. Chair yoga has become very popular in the past few years. You don't have to leave your house or your office if you don't want to. This is good news for everyone - desk jockies, people with limited mobility, travelers and caregivers.

The Haliburton County Library has recently purchased 4 new resources on Chair Yoga. 2 DVDs (Chair and Standing Routines by John Schlorholtz and Chair Yoga by Heather Garrell) and 2 new books (Chair Yoga by Edeltraud Rohnfeld and Chair Yoga for You by Olivette Baugh Robinson). If you are someone who wants to check out chair yoga in the privacy of your own home/ office then head on down to the library and sign these resources out! They are very user friendly and the explanations are easy to follow.

It won't cost you a cent and you might just find something that you can use on a daily basis to help keep your body flexible and strong. If you are someone who would like to learn some of these exercises in a group format, then please come and join me at Introduction to Chair Yoga (based on these library resources) on Wednesdays April 4, 11, 18 and 25). The class will be held at the Dysart Branch of the Haliburton County Library from 12:00 - 1:00 pm. No experience is required. Participation is by donation to The Friends of Haliburton County Library. Bring water. You are welcome to come

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For more information about John Schlorholtz and his DVD check out

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Congratulations, Bantam girls!

The Bantam girls' team advances to the all-Ontario finals April 13, 14 and 15.
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Connor Marsden #1
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Height: 5'7"
Position: G
Hometown: Haliburton



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Height: 5'3"
Position: RD
Hometown: Haliburton



Cassidy Garbutt #4
Age: 13
Height: 5'4"
Position: LW
Hometown: Minden



Brynn Meyers #10
Age: 13
Height: 5'4"
Position: LW
Hometown: Haliburton



Maddie Billings #11
Age: 13
Height: 5'4"
Position: LD
Hometown: Haliburton



Nicole Black #12
Age: 14
Height: 5'3"
Position: RW
Hometown: Minden



Maddie Allore #14
Age: 13
Height: 5'4"
Position: RD
Hometown: Minden



Erica Carmount #15
Age: 14
Height: 5'10"
Position: RW
Hometown: Carnarvon



Jamie Little #17
Age: 12
Height: 5'7"
Position: LD
Hometown: Minden



Sydney Feir #18
Age: 13
Height: 5'2"
Position: C
Hometown: Haliburton



Kelsey Maracle #19
Age: 13
Height: 5'4"
Position: RW
Hometown: Wilberforce



Erin Little #8
Age: 14
Height: 5'8"
Position: C
Hometown: Minden





Coach Bob Schmidt and Jon Petrie. Trainer Tom Prentice and Manager Dana Manning

Congratulations, Pee wee AE!

The Highland Storm Pee wee AE team is taking on Ayr for the all-Ontario championship. See them play March 30 at 8:30 p.m. at the Dysart arena, March 31 at 1:30 p.m. at the Minden arena and April 3 at the Dysart arena. (Schedule dependent on games won.) Sponsored by Tom Prentice Trucking

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Josh Bellefleur #1
Age: 11
Height: 5'2"
Position: G
Hometown: Haliburton



Trevor Turner #3
Age: 11
Height: 5'5"
Position: LW
Hometown: Carnarvon



Matt Manning #4
Age: 11
Height: 4'10"
Position: RW
Hometown: Carnarvon



Jon Morrison #7
Age: 12
Height: 5'
Position: LW
Hometown: West
Guilford



Alex Petrie #8
Age: 11
Height: 5'1"
Position: LW
Hometown: Eagle Lake



Jacob Haedicke #9
Age: 11
Height: 5'3"
Position: D
Hometown: Haliburton



Alec Stoughton #10
Age: 11
Height: 5'
Position: RW
Hometown: Haliburton



Jesse Sisson #11
Age: 11
Height: 4'7"
Position: RW
Hometown: Minden



Carter O'Neil #12
Age: 11
Height: 4'9"
Position: C
Hometown: Haliburton



Ben Schmidt #14
Age: 11
Height: 4'11"
Position: C
Hometown: Haliburton



Aiden Garbutt #15
Age: 11
Height: 4'10"
Position: D
Hometown: Minden



Alexander Wilbee #16
Age: 12
Height: 5'1"
Position: D
Hometown: Minden



Mitch Billings #17
Age: 12
Height: 5'5"
Position: C
Hometown: Haliburton



Ryan Prentice #18
Age: 11
Height: 5'2"
Position: D
Hometown: Minden





Coach Dave McKay, Kevin Hamilton and Gordie Wood.

Congratulations, Bantam AE!

The Highland Storm Bantam AEs made it to the championship against Tavistock. They waged a hard-fought battle. See story on page 33. Sponsored by Dave's Landscaping and McKee Security.

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Cole Finlay #1
Age: 14
Height: 5'8"
Position: G
Hometown: Tory Hill



Angus Sullivan #11
Age: 14
Height: 5'6"
Position: D
Hometown: Haliburton



Lucas Esson #4
Age: 14
Height: 5'5"
Position: C
Hometown: Hawk Lake



Brenden McKee #15
Age: 13
Height: 5'5"
Position: A
Hometown: Haliburton



Damen Winder #19
Age: 14
Height: 5'6"
Position: LW
Hometown: Gooderham



Hunter Bishop #2
Age: 14
Height: 6'0"
Position: C
Hometown: Haliburton Lake



Jaydon Wood #10
Age: 12
Height: 5'2"
Position: A
Hometown: Minden



Josh Rowden #16
Age: 13
Height: 5'3"
Position: RW
Hometown: Carnarvon



Morgan Hamilton #17
Age: 13
Height: 5'6"
Position: A
Hometown: West Guilford



Ryan Edwards #9
Age: 13
Height: 5'2"
Position: D
Hometown: Carnarvon



Caleb Schmidt #7
Age: 13
Height: 5'4"
Position: D
Hometown: Haliburton



Drew VanLieshout #12
Age: 13
Height: 5'2"
Position: LW
Hometown: Haliburton



Kyle Laverne #8
Age: 13
Height: 5'2"
Position: RW
Hometown: Haliburton



Austin McKay #30
Age: 13
Height: 5'3"
Position: G
Hometown: Haliburton



Peewee As division champs

Dr. Ed Smolen Family Dentistry sponsored Peewee As had waited a while to continue the playoff series for the MPS Division Championship.

Having defeated Huntsville they were now to face Parry Sound in the final best two out of three games for the championship. Our first game was Friday, March 23 in Humphrey approximately 10 minutes from Parry Sound.

It was nice to have the good weather for the drive. The Highland Storm Peewee As were four players short for the first game, but most of our players have played with a short bench over the last few season and we hoped this would help them get through this game. It was an exciting fast paced game with the Storm out-skating and out-playing the Shamrocks. The Storm scored first with a goal by Chase Burden assisted by Chris Thompson in the first period. The Shamrocks tied it up either near the end of the first or the beginning of the second, and then they got a one-goal lead only to have it tied with an unassisted goal by Greg Crofts.

The game remained tied to the end of the third period despite efforts by both teams

to get the winning goal, forcing the game into overtime of five minutes of four on four. The Storm boys continued their effort despite the short bench, and the overtime period and a short time into overtime Matt Wilbee took the puck and put it into the Shamrocks' net for the win of 3-2.

The two teams' next meeting was on Saturday, March 24 in Haliburton and the Storm were lucky enough to be only three players short for this game but it made no difference they had come to win! From the drop of the puck in the first period they showed it by getting six goals in the first period (Wilbee assisted by Burden and Max MacNaull; Ethan Keefer assisted by Crofts and Kyle Cooper; Keefer assisted by Kyle Cooper; Cooper unassisted; Mark Saville assisted by MacNaull; and for a hat trick, Keefer again assisted by Crofts).

The second period saw less scoring; Parry Sound managed one goal only to have Wilbee match it assisted by Burden and Keefer. At the top the third period, the Storm was well ahead but you never know what is going to happen with a period of hockey left to play. Parry Sound came out



First row, left, Max MacNaull, Josh Boice, Chase Burden, middle, Ryan Hannah, Devyn Prentice, Matt Wilbee, Parker Smolen, standing, Chris Thompson, Ethan Keefer, Kyle Cooper, Greg Crofts, Mark Saville. Absent from photo, Andrew Hall, Jake Bull and Jake

and managed two more goals at the beginning of the third, once again to have them match by Wilbee (2) assisted by Keefer, MacNaull and Thompson. This gave Wilbee a hat trick plus one, try as he might he was unable to get another goal and finishes the season with 69 goals to his credit. Parry Sound managed one more goal but the win was to the Storm at 9-4, making the Highland Storm Peewee As the Muskoka Parry Sound Division champions!

I would also like to mention our two goalies who played a great game - Parker

Smolen and Ryan Hannah - also, forwards Devyn Prentice and Josh Boice and our missing players whose efforts through the season helped to get the team to this win: Jake Bull, Andrew Hall and Jake Bishop. We would like to thank the boys for a great season of hockey, the bench for their time and effort, the officials (as we rarely take time to say it) and of course the fans, newspapers and radio for their support and coverage. See you next season, have a safe and good spring and summer.

- submitted by Karena Crofts



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Bantam AEs move on to MPS tournament

The Highland Storm Bantam AE team sponsored by Dave's Landscaping and McKee Security began their OMHA final series verses the Tavistock Titans this past weekend. They played the opener Friday night before a packed house in Tavistock. It was quickly apparent that the Storm would be in tough as the Titans held an immense edge in size and speed. It was the Storm, however, who struck first as Jaydon Wood was sent away on a two-on-one break with a nice pass from Ryan Edwards. Wood's shot found the back of the net to give the Storm the early lead. The Titans responded quickly, however, with two goals in the next two minutes and finished the period up 2-1.

The home team scored two more in the second before Hunter Bishop was sent in alone with a feed from Wood and his goal brought the Storm back to within two at the end of the frame. The third period was a back and forth affair and it looked bleak for the Haliburton boys until Brenden McKee scored with assists from Bishop and Wood to close the deficit to one with 3:53 left. However, the miracle finish was not to be as the Titans scored twice more to cement the victory, 6-3.

On Saturday, the boys looked to turn the series around, however, it was Tavistock who got off the mark early and often. They were up by four goals halfway through the second before the Storm could get on the board. Bishop scored from a sharp angle with Angus Sullivan drawing the assist. Unfortunately, Bishop was ejected from the game 20 seconds later on a questionable hitting from behind call as the opposing player turned his back just before the contact. It was especially harsh as that meant Bishop would also miss

the next game. Tavistock scored once more before the end of the period and went into the intermission up 5-1.

Wood scored twice in the third with assists going to Ryan Edwards and Caleb Schmidt but the Titans matched those two goals with two of their own and won 7-3.

Game 3 in Haliburton was do-or-die time for the Storm. With team captain and leader Hunter Bishop suspended, they were happy to welcome back Damen Winder from the injury list and called up Maddy Allore. Once again, it was Tavistock who were fastest off the mark. They scored two in the first and two in the second before the Storm could reply. Goals by Josh Rowden and Wood closed the gap going into the third. Kyle Lavergne assisted on both goals while Wood and Ryan Edwards each got one assist.

Tavistock scored the only goal of the third and wrapped up the series and OMHA championship with a 5-2 victory. Congratulations to the Titans for a well-deserved victory and a well played series and also to the Storm who never quit and never stopped trying. The saga does not end here as the Bantams now face Parry Sound for the MPS AE championship.

Submitted by Doug Sullivan

Darren Lum Staff

Bantam AE centre Lucas Esson, left in white, of the Highland Storm fends off his checkers during a rush with a puck in post-season action against the Tavistock Titans at Dysart Arena on Sunday, March 25.



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Tough start for Storm Peewee AE team

The finals began on Friday, March 23 when the Storm team travelled to meet the Ayr Flames.

You could see and feel the excitement and energy radiating from both teams. They played two games in Ayr and perhaps it was the home ice advantage that gave the Ayr Flames a 2-0 start in the final series.

The Storm team started out strong and seemed to be outplaying the Flames but could not get enough shots on the net to score.

Although the Storm team worked hard, the Flames got the first goal deflating the Storm and later followed it up with another, ending the first game 2-0.

The series continued the next day. It was a great start for the Storm team, they played extremely well, demonstrating awesome passes and an all-out effort that resulted in getting on the scoreboard late in the first period, making it 1-0 for the Storm.

The goal was scored by Alex Wilbee and assisted by Carter O'Neill and Trevor Turner. The Flames immediately answered back with a goal seconds into the second period. It was tight, back and forth hockey, the second period ended, still tied at 1-1.

The third period has usually been the best for this Peewee AE team, however the odds were not in their favour and the Flames took the lead late in the third period making it 2-1. It was a tough end, losing by one, with less than a minute to play and the Storm team was shorthanded. The

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Peewee AEs take on Ayr Friday

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Flames sealed the win with an empty net goal, quickly followed it up with another and that ended the game 4-1.

Join us and cheer on the Storm team. The series and excitement will continue this weekend in Haliburton on Friday at 8:30 p.m. and on Saturday at 1:30 p.m. Come on out.

Good luck boys.

The Highland Storm Peewee AE team is proudly sponsored by Tom Prentice Trucking.

Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke

Silver lining to alumni curling season

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

It might not have been the best way to cap off the season, but Red Hawks' alumni Jake Walker and Ed Cyr still have reason to be proud about their silver medal won at the 2012 Canadian Interuniversity Sport/Canadian Curling Association (CIS/CCA) Curling Championship hosted by Brock University at the Welland Curling Club on Sunday, March 18.

The former Red Hawks curlers Walker and Cyr, who are on the Waterloo University Warriors curling team, fell short of the national university title when they lost to the University of Alberta Golden Bears 7-1 in the gold medal game.

In an interview after the game Walker said he was disappointed and that his team was unable to make the shots needed for victory, as they did leading up to the gold medal game. They didn't have it for the final, he added.

Over the phone, Walker told the paper, "We're happy. Bottom line: It sucks not to win, but it's also satisfying to be one of the best teams in Canada," he said.

The Warriors were on track to win their first national title, winning the semifinal game against host team, the Brock University Badgers. They finished the round robin with a 5-2 record.

Teammate and longtime friend Cyr thought playing on the national stage was incredible.

"This was my first CCA national event and the opportunity to play against well known juniors like [Brendan] Bot-

tcher and [Brett] Gallant (former Canadian junior champions) was great. I met tons of new curlers (much different than [the provincials] where I think I've curled with someone on every team at some point) and got to see how I rank at a national level," he wrote in an email. "It's disappointing not getting to wear the [Canadian] leaf on my back but winning silver makes me want to get back next year even more."

He played in the CIS championship in 2008 when it was a "sign up and go" event compared to the prestigious event it has become that only qualifies eight teams to play.

Walker, the team's skip, led all skips with a 76 shooting percentage with teammate Cyr finishing just behind with 75 shooting percentage during the championships. Both were named to the CIS first-team all-Canadians. Geoff Chambers, second, earned his second-team all-Canadian position with a 74 shooting percentage.

"It just goes to show that we were definitely the top two teams there. It's very satisfying knowing that," Walker said.

"It was a huge honour to win CIS first-team all-Canadian, and it gives me confidence about my abilities going into future curling events," Cyr said.

As far as next year, nothing is guaranteed, Walker said, adding he and Cyr, who will pursue a master's degree, want to be part of next year's squad.

The try out process includes several rounds, but Walker believes with the kind of year the team had it makes sense to keep the same team, excluding teammate Chambers who is not expected to rejoin the team next year, he said.

Cyr continues to appreciate the support he and Walker have received, pointing out their former high school coach, Tom Dibblee visited the pair during the weekend of the championships.

The Warriors finished the season with 22 wins and six losses.

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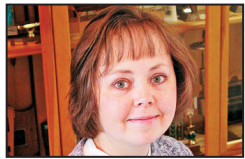
Let the games begin

OSGA Haliburton and Area 55+ is pleased to announce the start of their 2012 Summer Games. The games open this summer with five-pin bowling scheduled for the Fast Lane in Minden on Sunday, April 29 at 10 a.m. and wrap up with the shuffleboard final slated for Gravenhurst on Wednesday, June 20.

The Haliburton 55+ group expects more than 500 participants will have competed in 24 separate events throughout the county. In addition to the aforementioned, the games will include tennis and golf, carpet bowling, horseshoes, contract and duplicate bridge, cribbage, euchre and bid euchre, swimming, pickleball, bocce, darts, walking and

cycling. Winners in the majority of these events qualify for representing Haliburton and area at the all-Ontario finals scheduled for Brampton in August of this year. Winners of the all-Ontario will go on to represent Ontario at the 2014 Canada 55+ Summer Games. Haliburton is sending a team 15 strong to this summer's Canada 55+ Games held in Sydney, N.S. For more information on how you can participate, please call games co-ordinator Doug McIntosh at 705-489-3850. Everyone is welcome to the Haliburton and Area 55+ open house party, on Wednesday, April 4 at the Haliburton Curling Club from 4 to 7 p.m.

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Melissa Alfano
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The St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church annual Seder Supper takes place on Thursday, April 5 at the Dorset Recreation Centre (no volleyball this night). For more information or to reserve a space, please call Pat at 705-766-2373 by Tuesday, April 3. Tickets will not be available at the door and must be reserved in advance.

Once a month from September to June, Muskoka Seniors hosts a friendship luncheon at the Dorset Seniors Club on Highway 117. All seniors ages 60 and up are welcome. Lunch is served at noon and runs to 2 p.m. Each Luncheon has a theme and program with a guest speaker, or demon-

stration, or activity or entertainment.

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Tickets are now available for the ninth Annual Evening of Wine, Words, Music and Art, a fantastic event to celebrate the arts, taking place at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Friday, April 20. The celebration includes artists, writers, poets and musicians from the Haliburton and Muskoka area.

New this year is the Georgian Bay Saxophone Ensemble which is a sax quintet. This is a very special treat and includes Dorset sax player Joe Alfano! The event

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Notices

The County of Haliburton



NOTICE

The Council of the County of Haliburton will be discussing the draft 2012 budget at their regularly scheduled Council meeting on **Wednesday, March 28, 2012** and further

Take notice that a Special Meeting of Haliburton County Council to discuss the 2012 budget will be held on

Tuesday, April 3, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.
Both meetings will be held in the County Council Chambers at

11 Newcastle St., Minden.
The public is invited to attend.



COUNTY OF HALIBURTON LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the *Planning Act* and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

AND FURTHER THAT at its meeting to be held **Monday, April 16, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, these Applications for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

1. File No. H-069/11
Applicant: James & Wendy HYLAND
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 8, Concession 1, Geographic Township of Anson
Nature of the Application: Lot Addition
2. File No. H-073/11
Applicant: Robert & Anne Marie HANCOCK
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 30, Concession 4, Geographic Township of Snowdon
Nature of the Application: Lot Addition
3. File No. H-074/11
Applicant: Beatrice HANCOCK
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 30, Concession 4, Geographic Township of Snowdon
Nature of the Application: Lot Addition

Additional information regarding any of the above-noted applications is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office *by appointment* during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 28th day of March, 2012

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Custom quality throughout this spacious 1900 sqft home. Bright with large windows facing the 115' shoreline and lake. Hardwood flooring, granite counter tops, custom kitchen, main floor master with ensuite and walk in closet, main floor laundry, attached double + garage and full finished walkout basement.



CLEAR LAKE

Traditional 3 bedroom cottage with the open concept living space opens to large entertainment deck. New sitting decks to 100' south/west facing shoreline. Child friendly water entry and deep water off the dock. Year round road, propane stove and year round water for 4 season use.



GULL RIVER CABINS

Cabin property offers 246' of Gull River shoreline and 2.3 acres of land. The main cabin is 2 bedroom with large living space, kitchen and full bathroom. Second cabin is designed for 3 bedroom, living room, kitchen and bathroom. 4 sleeping cabins. Bath house cabin. River side cabin complete the package.

Evening includes contemporary and classical music

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also welcomes back singer, songwriter Zoe Chilco accom-

panied by sax player John Deehan. The evening starts at 6:30 p.m. with a walkabout until 7 p.m. There will be a cash bar featuring Ontario wine and beer. Tickets are \$6 each or two for \$10 and are available at the Dorset Recreation Centre or at the door. The event is open to those 19 years of age and over.

There is still room for artists to participate – a great opportunity to showcase your work, network with other

artists and connect with potential patrons. For more information on participating as an artist or to reserve tickets, please call the Recreation Centre at 705-766-9968.

Birthday wishes for the week of March 25 to 31 go out to Jacob Armstrong-Darke, Kyla Woods, Matthew Hughes, Zach Lock, Rick Nash, Debbie Guidi and Ray Blake. For all who have birthdays, anniversaries and special occasions this week, have fun on your special day!

To submit an item of interest or a birthday wish, please email me at melalfano@hotmail.com or give me a call at 705-766-0076.

Coming Events

**The combined choirs of
Zion United and
Haliburton United
under the direction of
Melissa A. Stephens
Presents the Good Friday cantata
"The Rose of Calvary"
by Joseph Martin
Friday, April 6, 2012
Carnarvon 9:00 am
and
Haliburton 11:15 am
All are welcome**

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April 1st at 2pm
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Christmas*
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community calendar

What's happening in the County

Post your event for free on the web. Go to: www.mindentimes.ca or

to the **UR** Haliburton Highlands Community Calendar link at: www.haliburtonecho.ca

March 31: Gooderham United Church Easter Bake & Craft Sale 10a.m. To 3p.m. Lunch Available including Homemade soup, sandwiches deserts and beverages

April 4: The Ontario Senior Games 55+ is having an Open House at the Haliburton Curling Club from 4 pm to 7 pm. There are 24 events from Walking to Euchre and Bridge. Applications can be picked up at various locations in the County or go online to www.ontarioseniorgames.ca or www.canoeftm.com

April 7: The Norland United Church will hold its annual pancake breakfast on Saturday, April 7th starting at 8am. \$7.00-adults, \$3.00 children under 12 years, and preschool are free

April 14: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Lochlin United Church Maplefest All you can eat Pancake Sausage/Brunch & Bake Sale. Best deal in town with real Haliburton Maple Syrup. Adults \$6, Children \$3 Preschoolers Free. Lochlin Rd. off Gelert Rd, County Rd. 1

April 17: HALIBURTON: Meet the Nurse 10 am -12, OEYC 83 Maple Ave. MINDEN April 18, 10 am- 12 OEYC 144 Bobcaygeon Rd. Parents with children – 6 yrs can meet with a Public Health Nurse. Call (705) 457-1391 for more information.

April 28: SIRCH Hike for Hospice Collect pledges on your own or get a team together and join us at Haliburton High School at 10:15 AM to register. Hike begins at 11 AM. Light refreshments, BBQ, entertainment and awards for most pledges collected. **100% of funds raised stay in our community!**

• **WANTED:** Volunteers / Members for a grass-root organization in Halibuton area focused on Property Rights and Personal Freedoms. Call Brad: 705-448-9936

• **Welcome to TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly)** Monday Mornings located at Community Care weigh in begins at 9:30a.m. Short meeting after call Don or Mary Jane at 705-447-2420

• **Community Care Haliburton County Social Recreation** (in the drop-in centre) Wii games – Tuesday 9:30 a.m. – noon Contract Bridge – Monday 1-4 p.m. Cribbage – Fridays 1 – 4 p.m. For any additional information call 705-457-2941 Ext. 226

• **Haliburton Highlands Hand Weavers & Spinners Guild** meet at the Zion United Church, Carnarvon on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm For more information call Marian Gillanders at 705-489-3574

• **The Haliburton Highland's Rug Hookers** meet every other Monday at the Minden Legion from 10-2. Learn traditional rug hooking or bring an ongoing project. Call Linda 705-447-1169 or Peggy 705-286-3387

• **Help to Preserve our History** with a veterans museum Wanted: British, Canadian or German WWI and WWII items Uniforms, helmets and caps and metals, photographs, shells and weapons Please do not donate money. Items broken or in part are welcome. Contact Martin Hofland at 705-457-2382

• **Minden Food Bank** is in desperate need of more volunteers. For any one interested they can call the Food Bank from 9-4 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays or by emailing us at mindencommunityfoodbank@bellnet.ca Thanks in advance for your assistance.

• **Royal Canadian Legion Minden Branch 636** is looking for volunteers to help out in the branch kitchen. If you can spare a few hours each week to help the Legion continue their support to the community and the membership please call the branch at 705-286-4541. It will be much appreciated.

• **SMART Seniors Maintaining Active Roles Together** is a safe, gentle exercise program to maintain strength, balance and flexibility. \$2 per session. In Minden Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. in Hyland Crest auditorium. Thursdays in Haliburton at Echo Hills at 1:00pm. To register call Carol at 705-286-2500 ext. 265 or Melanie Therrien (VON) at 800-743-6255 ex 6451.

• **TOASTMASTERS** meet at the Minden United Church Wednesdays at 7pm Everyone Welcome ages 18 – 80. What is TOASTMASTERS ? Visit www.toastmasters.org

Events listings are provided **FREE for non-profit groups on a space-available basis**. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be emailed to jmceathron@mindentimes.ca or brought in to the office.

Please submit events by the Wednesday prior to the requested publication date.

NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands. For more Ongoing Community Events please see the Weekender.

Work on your dance moves in Stanhope



Gina Atkinson
Stanhope Life

705-489-2008
pinereflections@sympatico.ca

To know about someone's passing is as equally important as being informed of a beginning of a life. Sharing someone's pain is what good friends and neighbours do. This month our neighbour Mary Hicks (husband Jim) had to endure such a tragedy. Mary's granddaughter Heather Marie Wilkinson-Bryan died suddenly in her home in Oshawa on Friday, March 2.

It must of being a tremendous emotional blow to her parents David and Beth Bryan and their son Todd. Many of you will probably remember when they lived in Carnarvon a few years ago.

You can relate to this in many ways - as a parent and certainly as a grandparent. It's always hard to understand death at any age but more so at a young age and as life goes - 21 is much too young. Nothing anyone can say will remove the pain. This is definitely one of life's harder sides, but we are all in this together and we all share your pain.

What really makes our community special is that when someone needs a hand they step right up and do their part.

As you probably know by now I have been doing some fundraising for Community Living Haliburton. This year we are really trying hard to raise enough funds to purchase a van and trailer for the special needs people in our community so that they can go out and have meaningful employment. Little by little we are getting there.

So with this mind I would like to thank Susan King of Pine Reflections Garden Centre for her innovative undertaking of a little contest she ran at Sir Sam's Ski. Susan sold tickets to win either a hanging basket or patio pot one per month for the summer.

The winning ticket was pulled last Saturday at the Spring Splash and the lucky, happy winner was Georgina Boyle of Eagle Lake.

Thank you Susan for your generosity!

The next fundraiser that I have organized is coming up

in April and I promise you this is going to be one line and one line only! Carl Dixon at the Carnarvon Bowl and Restaurant, 9 p.m. April 14 with tickets available by calling 705-489-4216 or by contacting me directly. It was a long line but it was just one line! OK need to add that they are \$20 each but the ticket does include a light buffet which makes this a great deal!

Only learned some steps and would never qualify for a candidate for *Dancing with the Stars* but I had loads of fun and only felt a little silly that my brain could not understand what my feet were doing or that my feet weren't listening to what my brain was telling them to do!

Anyway, that said, I would definitely go again to the dance classes that Chris Wilde is running at the community centre hall on North Shore Road. The spring session of the Stanhope dance class will commence on April 12 at 9:30 a.m.

We are fortunate to have Chris as the instructor because she has a special knack for teaching and makes sure that you get the most of each class. As you probably know by now dancing is one of my favourite things to do and since I don't do conventional exercise this is where I know that I can work those bones to the max. The music Chris plays just makes you feel the moves so whether or not you have dance experience you will be caught up in the fun.

If you need more information please call 705-646-0387.

Here's another reason to never run of eggs. Did you

know that egg whites are high in natural collagen? Anyway, apparently egg whites are very successful in the treatment of those little burns we have all had at one time or another.

First aid treatment consists of first spraying cold water on the affected area until the heat is reduced which stops the continuing burning of all layers of the skin. Then, spread beaten egg whites onto the affected area and let dry to form a protective layer. Reapply again in about an hour. There have been reports that it relieves the pain and quite possibly causes the skin to regain its normal colour a few days later.

Hopefully you won't need to try this any time soon but it's good to know that a natural remedy is on a shelf in your fridge.

Have a great week!

Coming Events

LET'S LINE DANCE

Spring Session Starting

Thursday April 12th

9:30 am to 11:30 am

Stanhope Firefighters Hall

More Info call **CHRISTINE**

705-646-0387

cmrwilde@bell.net



Stanhope Soccer League Registration

March 31 from 10am to 12pm

Boys and Girls Ages 5 to 14 as of June 19, 2012
Stanhope Fire Fighter's Hall North Shore Road, Carnarvon
****Important**** Bring Your Health Card Volunteer Coaches, Assistant Coaches and Student Coaches

needed Please call the Recreation Department at

705-766-9968

for more information



Haliburton Soccer Club Early Bird Registration

HHSS Gym Foyer
Tuesday April 3 & Wednesday April 4
5:00 - 7:00 pm

Boys and Girls ages 4+ \$30

Adults/Pickup League \$35

Volunteer Coaches, Assistant Coaches and Student Coaches Needed

**** Each Coach will receive a free league registration ****

For more information please visit

www.halsoccer.org

Call 705-457-9303 after 6p.m.



Minden & District Horticultural Society

Monthly Meeting

Tuesday April 3rd At 1 P.M.

At

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===== HOLY WEEK SERVICES =====

Palm Sunday, April 1



Maundy Thursday, April 5

Service 7:00 p.m. Minden United Church

Good Friday, April 6

Choral Good Friday Service
(Combined Choirs of Zion and Haliburton United Churches)
9 a.m. Zion United Church, Carnarvon
11:15 a.m. Haliburton United Church

EASTER SUNDAY, April 8

Sunrise Service - 7:00 a.m. at 12 Mile Lake beach
followed by a light breakfast at Zion United Church.

Easter worship services at each church (at regular times)



Website: <http://home.interhop.net/highhills>
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EVERYONE INVITED TO ATTEND !

Artisans' market spruced up for spring



Patti Fleury
Around the Town

705-488-2938
brucefleury1@hotmail.com

Highlights of the past two weeks include visits from Calgary cousin Dale Fleury and granddaughter Emma. The common thread is the importance of family history and the footsteps we follow.

TECHNICAL ANALYST

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Bruce first met Dale when both were separately working on the Fleury Family Registry, one here in Ontario and the other out west in Regina.

Historical information, both recorded and legendary, dates back to the 1600s with Simon Fleury in Paris, France. Over the years the early line charts have evolved into sophisticated computerized records including a CD complete with photographs and musical background. Present plans are focused on booklets for the major branches either in script or more likely in electronic format.

This weekend, Emma arrived with a choice of movies and we watched George Clooney's Academy Award nominated film *The Descendants*. Set in Hawaii the story is about a family in crisis and its resolution. Well worth a watch there is an underlying sadness so have your hankey ready. That night Emma asked about the faces in the framed photos on the spare bedroom wall particularly my paternal great grandfather William. At age 82 from the large gilded oval frame he proudly displays his medals from the American Civil War and the Fenian Raids in Ontario but that is a story for another day.

Yes we're hometown proud. This coming Sunday, April 1, Kinmount will be officially one year older. Thinking back to the sesquicentennial celebrations, it is great that certain events have been continued such as Heritage Week but best of all is that the *Kinmount Gazette* has continued to publish monthly after that initial year. Once again through the efforts of its volunteer editorial, writing and production staff this jewel arrives in our mailboxes with interesting stories, event listings and so much more. Thanks to Guy Scott, Jane Austin, Lynne Kilby and Yvette Brauer for all their hard work.

National Volunteer Week will be celebrated from April 15 through 21 and they along with so many other community organizations and individuals deserve our appreciation.

Some upcoming area events to mark on the calendar. On Saturday, April 7, Norland United Church members are hosting a pancake breakfast in the church hall, 7521 Hwy.

35 beginning at 8 a.m. For adults the charge is \$7, for children under 12 years \$3 with preschoolers free of charge. The following week on Saturday, April 14 there will be a yard sale sponsored by the Coboconk New Horizons Club in the Lions Hall from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For rental of tables at a cost of \$10 give Jennie Maud a call at 705-887-6892. On that same date of Saturday, April 14th it will be Italian fine Dining with Chef Bruno at Knox United Church, 7 South Water St., Coboconk. The cost is \$14/person with social time beginning at 6:30 p.m. and dinner to follow at seven o'clock.

Here in Kinmount the children's annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 7 in Austin Sawmill Heritage Park at 1 p.m. The Easter bunny reminds everyone to please bring their own basket.

Reading up on the benefits of certain green houseplants both in air purification and stress reduction these are great choices for Easter gifts. Kinmount resident Lorraine Turcotte is now with the newly opened Minden Florists at 705-286-4224 and there is also a nice selection of plants at Gateway General Store and Café here on Main Street.

The Kinmount Artisans Marketplace has been spruced up for spring. Drop by and check out the upgraded lighting to better display the local arts, handcrafts and books, antiques and nostalgia along with making a brighter service counter area. Open on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. our duty member, a guild volunteer, will be pleased to help you select a gift item or something for your personal enjoyment tax free. Watch for news about our spring workshops and special promotions.

Friend Ken sends along a morning smile with words on a sign outside a church which read "Trespassers Welcome." Until next week ...

Career & Business Opportunities



The following positions are
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- Service Technicians
- Service Installers

Resumes can be sent to cantire_minden@yahoo.com, faxed to # 705-457-9570 or dropped off at the Employment Centre at 49 Maple Ave., 2nd floor, Haliburton. Please indicate on your resume which position you are applying for. Basic computer skills are required for all positions.

Application deadline is April 10, 2012 at 4pm. Expected start date of employment will vary dependent upon position. Thank you for submitting your resume but only those selected for a interview will be contacted.



The Minden Times is currently hiring for
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Reads of the week

Book of the Week:

The Language of Flowers by Vanessa Diffenbaugh

After a tumultuous childhood growing up in the foster-care system, Victoria Jones has experienced so much emotional trauma that she has resorted to using the hidden meanings of flowers as her primary means of communication. When a local florist discovers her talents, Victoria realizes she has a gift for helping others through the flowers she chooses for them.

She begins to build a meaningful life for herself in floristry, but the discovery of this gift will force her to confront her own painful past, in particular the one life-altering connection she once had with another person. *The Language of Flowers* is available in print, talking book and e-book formats at the Haliburton County Public Library.

Junior Book of the Week: Junior Fiction Title

Facing the Mountain by Wendy Orr

From the author who brought you Nim's Island, comes another incredible adventure for young girls. 11-year-old Raven is hiking in the Rockies with her family. But when she races to the top of her first mountain, her whole world is flipped upside down.

She finds herself falling, riding a wave of rocks. She is injured but is able to move. Her sister and stepfather, however, are trapped by the avalanche.

Now Raven faces wild animals and treacherous terrain as she goes for help.

Can she survive long enough to save her family? Witness Raven's tenacity and courage in *Facing The Mountain*, available at your library.

Local Celebrity Read:



Reuben Maughan, a library board member, music director with the Haliburton Highlands Silver Flutes and an English teacher for the Virtual Learning Centre, recently finished reading *The Accident* by Linwood Barclay.

The Accident, an 2012 Evergreen nominated title, follows Glen Garber, a building contractor and your everyday average guy.

In the wake of an economic recession that is

compromising his business, Glen feels he has enough to worry about; that is, until he learns that his wife, Sheila, was killed in a car accident.

Most shocking to Glen is that his always responsible wife was to blame, apparently drunk at the wheel. Desperately searching for answers, he soon discovers that the mother of his young daughter may have been involved in shady black market dealings – and her car crash may not have been “accidental” after all.

“*The Accident* was like reading an onion, with one astounding layer after another,” says Maughan. “It took me a while to get into this book, an unusual experience for me. It is a shame such a good book has such a stilted start – I feel like I would never have finished the book, if I didn’t have a friend’s endorsement.”

Maughan’s opinion of the storyline quickly changed after the initial chapters, however, culminating in Chapter 49.

“Chapter 49 was just excruciating, annoying, blissful suspense – I loved every minute,” he says, praising Barclay’s skilled work with the thriller genre.

“I was panicking near the end of the book, thinking – you are *not* going to leave the most important question unanswered, are you?!”

Maughan concludes, “The first thing I thought when I finished was – now, can I teach this in a course? The plot, although tidy, is not in a simple format – those twists that make it such an exciting read, are confusing when studying simple plot elements.

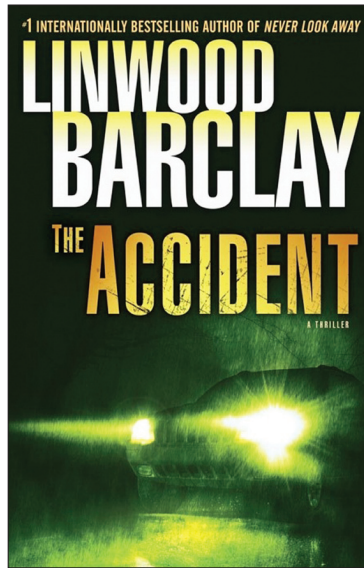
Given teaching time constraints, I’m not sure it is usable in the classroom, so for now, this one goes in the ‘really good read’ pile, and not in my ‘future teaching material’ pile.”

News & Events:

Get ready for the Easter bunny with kids programming at the Haliburton County Public Library. Join us for crafts, stories and other fun activities on Saturday, April 7 at 10:30 a.m. in the Minden branch and 1:30 p.m. in Dysart branch.

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with work at partner museums including:
- Cataloguing and/or digitizing collections
- Technological and creative assistance for virtual exhibits and
slideshows
- Training with a website designer in website maintenance
- Assisting in training heritage workers & volunteers in the above.**The candidate will have:**

- computer literacy skills, and preferably a familiarity with PastPerfect Software.
- an interest in heritage and storytelling
- experience working independently
- access to a vehicle for travel to partner locations in the county

Send a resume, letter of interest and references, marked with job
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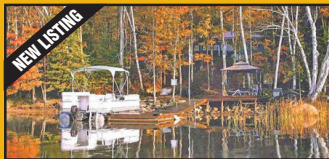
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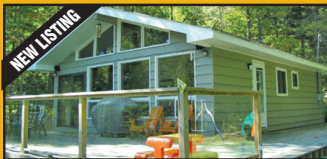
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Cranberry Lake - \$387,000

- Newly renovated 2+2 bdrm, 2 bath.
- Fantastic waterfront, west exp.
- Yr. round twnp road, private.
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- 3 BR cottage on one of Haliburton's finest lakes
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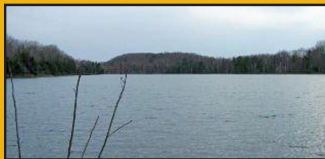
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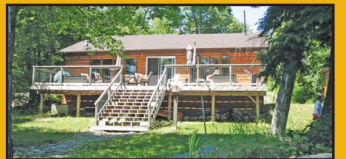
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Fox Lake - \$129,000 & \$149,000

- Large, private lots on a small, quiet lake
- Clean, sand and gravel shoreline
- South exposure
- Close to year-round access

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Kennis Lake South Exposure - \$379,000

- 3 Bdrms, a 4pc bath & a 2 pc ensuite
- Level lot, easy access, 4 season
- 1200 sq ft, fireplace, open concept
- Lg eat in kitchen, comes furnished

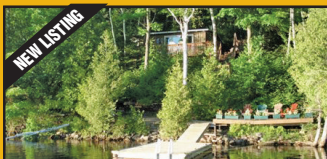
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Horseshoe Lake - 2 Lake Chain - \$449,000

- 468 Ft shore/2.36 acres, fantastic privacy;
- Abuts popular Blairhampton Golf course on one side;
- Beautiful sandy shore/southwest exposure;
- Close to Minden village & White Water Preserve.

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Soyers Lake Charmer! - \$439,000

- Charming, all pine, open concept cottage
- 3 bedrooms, 3 pc bath, woodstove
- 126 feet frontage, sandy shore, west exposure
- Rents for \$1500, per week!

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Minden Duplex - \$199,000

- 3 bedroom main house w/ 4 piece bath
- 1-bedroom studio with loft and 3 pc bath
- Large yard, extensive decking, walk to town
- Great Value, Good income

Tom Ecclestone 286-2138 x 26



Excellent Value! - \$164,900

- 4 Bedrooms & 3 Bathrooms.
- Open concept design.
- Close to all Minden has to offer
- Great value family home

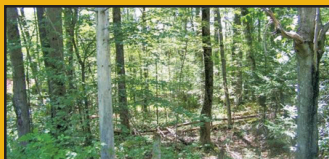
Karen Nimigon 457-2128 x 29



Country Home on 2 Acres - \$166,500

- 3 bedrooms, 2 baths
- Rec room with propane fireplace
- Attached garage, gorgeous grounds
- Excellent location and year round access

Erin Nicholls 457-2128 x 34



Deeded Waterfront Lot - \$23,500

- Access to west facing waterfront lot
- Year-round municipal access
- 15 minutes to Haliburton village
- Hydro & Bell at lot line

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Newcastle Street - 154,900

- Awesome vintage home dripping with charm Covered veranda
- New decks tons of upgrades
- Open concept kitchen/living/dining & office
- Two BR, 1 1/2 bath mn flr laundry full bsmt

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Boshkung Lake - \$369,000

- Classic Cottage with large stone fireplace
- 3 bedrooms, 4 piece bath
- 148 feet of waterfront
- Big lake boating on 3 lake chain

Tom Wilkinson 286-2138 x 25



Minden - 184,900

- 3+1 Bedroom/2 Bathroom Home
- Large Oak Kitchen
- Full Basement
- Attached Garage, Level Lot

Melanie Vigrass 286-2138 x 32



Minden Home - \$244,900

- 3 Br; 2 bath; attached garage
- Open concept design with fireplace
- Large Yard; patio & Gazebo
- Convenient In-town location

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Haliburton Lake - \$293,000

- Home/cottage, fresh updated open concept
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Bob Lake - \$310,000

- 3 bedroom cottage
- Open concept design
- Many recent renovations
- Lovely private setting

David Lee 286-2138 x 27



Wenona Lake Deeded Access - \$139,000

- 2 bedroom 1 bath home on a pretty country lot
- Vinyl siding, metal roof, paved driveway,
- Master bedroom walkout to screened in porch
- Deeded access to beautiful Wenona Lake close by

Greg Stamp 457-2128 x 28



Trooper Lake Cottage - \$324,900

- Waterfront Cottage - Southern Exposure
- 3 Bedrooms & Bunkie - Many upgrades
- New Kitchen & New Roof In 2009
- Sandy Shoreline, all day sun... Come and See!

Elizabeth Thompson 457-2128 x 52



5 Lake Chain! - \$479,000

- Waterfront home with easy year round access
- Full finished basement with w/o
- Maintenance free siding
- Amazing view and close to town

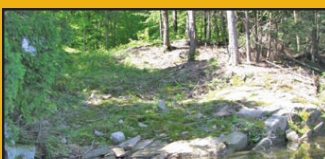
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Blairhampton Rd. Vacant Lot - \$39,000

- Located between Minden and Haliburton.
- Year round municipal road.
- Very private well treed lot with good building sites
- Driveway in, hydro and telephone service at lot

Gary Moffatt 457-2128 x 36



Kennis Lake - West Shore - \$429,000

- 335' ftg; 3.05 acres of privacy
- Variety of shoreline; sand and rock
- Lots of space for trails; mature trees
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Haliburton - \$208,900

- 3 Br home lrg lot, a fabulous fenced backyard
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- Slate entry, sewer connection paid, master ensuite
- Walkout finished bsmt garage screened porch

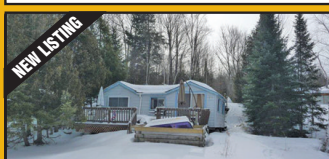
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Kushog Lake - \$359,000

- Cottage plus Bunkie
- Winterized
- 3+1 bedrooms
- Deep off dock

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Beech Lake - \$165,000

- Narrow but deep lot
- Small 2 bdrm cottage at water
- Year round road
- Clean waterfront

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Haliburton-by-the-Lake - \$279,500

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